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TO: FCC

RE: Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act
RM-10865/DA No. 04-700

The Westbrook Police Department submits these comments on the U.S. DOJ/FBI/DEA joint petition filed on March 10, 2004, before the FCC requesting that the FCC resolve, on an expedited basis, various critically important issues arising from the implementation of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA)

It is vitally important the FCC adopt the rules proposed by the DOJ, FBI, and DEA. Congress enacted CALEA in 1994 to ensure law enforcement has the ability to conduct authorized wiretaps as technologies change. Since 1994, many new communications technologies have arisen (E.G., Broadband internet access, voice over IP telephony and push-to-talk services). These services pose a great challenge to law enforcement because providers of these services failed to voluntarily adopt currently available solutions. Voluntary industry compliance with CALEA does not work. (Examples of problems conducting surveillance of broadband internet access, VOIP, push-to-talk service, or other packet mode services, should be added).

Sincerely,


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Chief of Police

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